

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Society of American Magicians, founded in 1902, each year memorializes the deeply mourned death of its Past National President Harry Houdini on October 31, 1926; and,

Whereas, The Society of American Magicians is dedicated to elevating the art of magic with its Endowment Fund providing educational and humanitarian assistance to its members and encouraging youngsters to develop self esteem throughout the performance of magic; and,

Whereas, Magic is an ancient and delightful form of entertainment which, as a hobby for youth, has demonstrated itself to be a positive activity, and which continues to give much pleasure to young and old; and,

Whereas, During the year, members of The Society of American Magicians Assembly Number 273 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, generously offer their time and talent for charitable purposes providing entertainment for hospitals, schools, churches, nursing and retirement homes, and for other charitable institutions throughout our state; and,

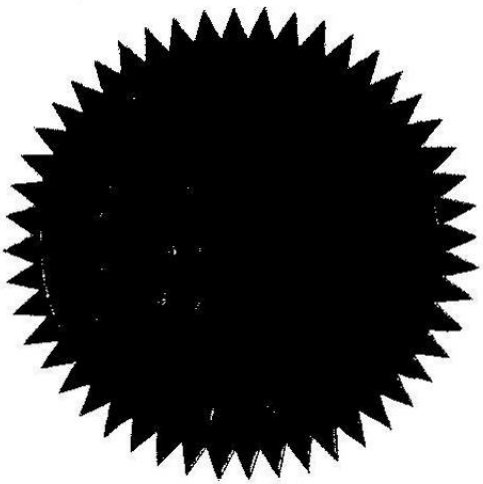
Whereas, The current National President of the Society of American Magicians, John Apperson, has declared that October 25 through 31, 2004, shall be National Magic Week:

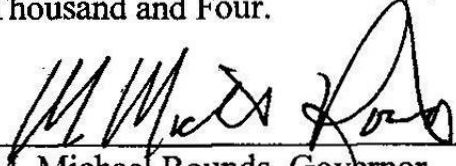
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 25-31, 2004, as

NATIONAL MAGIC WEEK

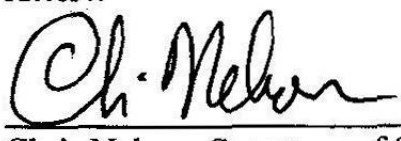
in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State